



Pharmacy Technician 2013-2014

The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists accredited Pharmacy Technician Certificate curriculum is a nine month sequence of instruction, with entry in the Fall Quarter only. This program is designed to prepare students for jobs in hospitals, nursing homes, retail, home health care, and public and government agencies. Students who complete the program in a satisfactory manner will be awarded a Career Certificate and are qualified to apply to the California State Board of Pharmacy for registration as a pharmacy technician. Registration is a legal requirement for work as a pharmacy technician.

An optional two-year expanded Pharmacy Technician Program is also available which includes general education. This two-year course sequence leads to an Associate in Science Degree in Pharmacy Technician, and offers the student the ability to transfer to a four-year college or to enter the job market with additional technical and theoretical background.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will demonstrate pharmaceutical knowledge, clinical skills and values necessary to practice as a competent pharmacy technician in both retail and hospital pharmacy settings.
- Graduates will demonstrate competency with entry-level clinical skills in accordance with ASHP accreditation requirements.

Career Opportunities:

Pharmacy technician opportunities are available in retail pharmacies, hospitals, home health care, mail order houses, nursing homes, health insurance, veterinary clinics, and public and government medical facilities.

Units required for Major: 50

Units required for Certificate: 50

Associate Degree Requirements:

OPTIONAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- English proficiency: ENGL 1A, 1AH, 1S & 1T, ESLL 26 or equivalent.
- Mathematics proficiency: MATH 57, 105, 108 or equivalent.

A minimum of 90 units is required* to include:

- All Foothill General Education requirements (30 Units)
- Core courses (50 Units)

*Additional elective course work may be necessary to meet the 80-unit minimum requirement for the associate degree.

NOTE: All courses pertaining to the major must be taken for a letter grade. All Core courses must be taken in sequence and passed with a grade of "C" or higher. In addition, a GPA of 2.0 or higher is required in all core and support courses for the degree or certificate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Drug/alcohol felony convictions preclude registration.
- Biology studied in a language other than English will not be considered.
- Keyboarding skill level - 35 wpm recommended.

Program Types:

AS = Associate in Science Degree.

CA = Certificate of Achievement.

Additional Information:

Program information, admission criteria details, and applications can be found at the Pharmacy Technician website: www.foothill.edu/bio/programs/pharmtec

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Available: AUGUST 15TH at our web site (above).
- To request an application by mail or pick-up, please contact Middlefield campus (after September 1st) at (650) 949-6955, 4000 Middlefield Road, Bldg. I, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or The Biological & Health Sciences Division Office on the main campus at (650) 949-7538, Room 5211.
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 17 (or until program is filled). Each spring, 35 students will be selected for admittance for the following September class. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance by June 1. Official high school and/or college transcripts are required.
- CORRESPONDENCE: All correspondence for admission should be directed to:
Charlie McKellar
Foothill College
Pharmacy Technician Program
4000 Middlefield Road, Bldg. I
Palo Alto, CA 94303
- COUNSELING: If you need academic counseling, please contact the counseling office at (650) 949-6950.

PREREQUISITES:

Prerequisite courses must be completed with a "C" or better:

- High school diploma, G.E.D. or equivalent.
- BIOL 10 or high school biology.
- Math proficiency: high school Algebra, MATH 220 or placement into MATH 105 on the Foothill College Placement Test (Testing Office: (650) 949-7230).
- English proficiency: eligible for ESLL 25 or ENGL 110 as determined by the English Placement Test (Testing Office: (650) 949-7230).
- PHT 200L Pharmacy Technician as a Career (will be offered during WINTER and SPRING quarters)

NOTE: Physical examinations and immunizations are required for clinical internships. Background screening and drug testing may be required by clinical facilities. Positive



results could impact a student's chances of attending clinics, completing the program requirements or gaining a license to practice upon graduation. The cost of required physical examinations, background screenings and drug tests will be paid by the student. Students accepted into the program will be provided with specific details.

Core Courses: 50 Unit(s)

Fall

- AHS 50 Introduction to Allied Health Programs (1 unit)
- PHT 50 Orientation to Pharmacy Technology (3 units)
- PHT 51 Basic Pharmaceutics (4 units)
- PHT 52A Inpatient Dispensing (3 units)
- PHT 53 Ambulatory Pharmacy Practice (4 units)
- PHT 54A Dosage Calculations A (3 units)
- PHT 55A Pharmacology A (3 units)

Winter

- PHT 52B Aseptic Technique & IV Preparation (4 units)
 - PHT 54B Dosage Calculations B (3 units)
 - PHT 55B Pharmacology B (3 units)
 - PHT 56A Dispensing & Compounding A (4 units)
- And ONE of the following clinical courses:
- PHT 60 Retail Clinical (3 units)
 - PHT 62 Hospital Clinical (3 units)

Spring

- PHT 55C Pharmacology C (3 units)
 - PHT 56B Dispensing & Compounding B (3 units)
 - PHT 61 Home Health Care Supplies (3 units)
- and ONE of the following clinical courses:
- PHT 60 Retail Clinical (3 units)
 - PHT 62 Hospital Clinical (3 units)

Certificates:

**Certificate of Achievement, Pharmacy Technician
50 Unit(s)**

The Certificate of Achievement is awarded upon completion of the core courses. General education courses are not required.